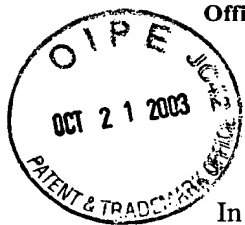


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In response to the Official Action dated 8/21/2003, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.